

Remarks

The courtesy afforded the applicant's representative during the telephone interview on February 27 is acknowledged with thanks. During the interview, various amendments were discussed. After carefully considering the comments made by the Examiner and her supervisor during the interview, some of these amendments, and further amendments, have been included in amended claim 11.

Claims 11-20, 22, and 24-33 were pending. Claims 13 and 24-33 have been canceled, claims 34-35 have been added, and claim 11 has been amended.

Claims 11, 13-20, 22, 24, and 26-33 were rejected as unpatentable over SUOKNUUTI et al. 6,760,601 in view of PHILLIPS et al. 6,181,715 and BEAR et al. 2006/0006230 and claims 12 and 25 were rejected further in view of MOORE et al. 2003/0027525. Claims 11, 13-20, 22, 24, and 26-33 were also rejected as unpatentable over SUOKNUUTI et al. in view of PHILLIPS et al. and GUNNARSSON 6,895,221 with claims 12 and 25 being rejected further in view of MOORE et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Amended claim 11 includes means (23) for automatically retransmitting the stored information from the device (2) to the output device (8) immediately upon detection of the entrance of the output device within the communication range by the means for automatically detecting, without user intervention. Support for

the amendment is found on page 6, lines 22-37 ("interrogation radio messages with a range of few meters....If an output device 8 subsequently passes near") and page 8, last paragraph, for example. While the application does not explicitly refer to detection of the entrance within the communication range and "without user intervention," it is believed that one of skill in the art would understand these to be inherent from the above-cited portions of the original disclosure when read within the context of the application in its entirety. In addition, the last paragraph of previously pending claim 11 has been deleted as it is not seen to be essential to allowance of claim 11 as presently amended.

The applied references do not disclose the automatic retransmission of the stored information immediately upon detection of the entrance of the output device within the communication range, without user intervention, and thus the amended claims avoid the rejection under §103.

As acknowledged in the Official Action, SUOKNUUTI et al. disclose that by activating the mobile telephone, the microserver detects the activation and transmits the stored information. That is, in SOUKNUUTI et al., the retransmission occurs at a time that depends on the action of the user (column 2, lines 10-15). By contrast, the present invention includes automatic retransmission immediately upon detection of the entrance of the device within the communication range and thus

does not require an action by the user (except moving with the communication range). There is no suggestion in SUOKNUUTI et al., or the other references, to retransmit automatically upon detection of the device's entrance within the communication range as in amended claim 11.

By way of further explanation, consider the following example. In SUOKNUUTI et al., if a mobile phone that is inactive and does not make or receive calls enters a Bluetooth coverage area of the retransmission device, that retransmission device will detect the presence of the phone, but does not retransmit the information. In the invention of claim 11, the retransmission occurs automatically when the phone enters the communication range.

New claim 35 is allowable because the applied references do not disclose the automatic retransmission of the stored information immediately upon initial detection of the presence of the nearby output device, without user intervention.

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the user (except being nearby). There is no suggestion in SUOKNUUTI et al., or the other references, to retransmit automatically and immediately upon initial detection of the device's presence as in new claim 35.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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